

“Federal assistance is crucial in helping local governments to continue enhancing their capabilities to respond to both natural disasters and terrorist attacks,” said Congresswoman Kaptur.

“No matter what the threat, public agencies must be prepared to respond and recover to keep our losses to a minimum. The Toledo area continues to build on its growing reputation for emergency medicine and disaster response, such as our Red Cross regional blood center and the Disaster Medical Assistance Team.”

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano announced almost \$1.8 billion in preparedness grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The Toledo area is included in the Tier 2 of the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI), which provides funding to select high-threat, high-density urban areas to assist in building enhanced and sustainable capabilities to prevent and respond to terrorism.

Ohio’s six largest cities, including Toledo, will each receive \$321,221 under the Metropolitan Medical Response System, which is designed to help communities build a regional mass casualty incident response capability to respond to terrorism, naturally occurring events, and large-scale hazardous materials incidents.

The state of Ohio also received \$23.1 million under the State Homeland Security Program, much of which will be distributed to communities.